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FM SECSTATE WASHDC  
TO AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON  
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INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS:EAID, PFOR, XP

SUBJECT:AID TO SOUTH PACIFIC

REF: A. CANBERRA 491  
B. WELLINGTON 257

, PLEASED TO HEAR YOUR CONSULTATIONS IN WELLINGTON  
AND CANBERRA WENT WELL AND THAT AUSTRALIANS AND NEW  
ZEALANDERS HAVE CLEAR UNDERSTANDING LIMITED NATURE  
AND PURPOSE OF ANY US AID PROGRAM IN SOPAC.

2. AS ALL CONCERNED ARE AWARE, WE ALSO HAVE DOUBTS AS  
TO VIABILITY OF FORUM SHIPPING LINE IF, INDEED, LINE  
IS EVER ESTABLISHED. OUR LIMITED SUPPORT FOR THE  
LINE IS BASED ON OBVIOUS NEED FOR IMPROVEMENT IN REGIONAL  
SHIPPING SERVICE, WHETHER IT CAN BE DONE ON A COMMERCIAL  
BASIS OR NOT, AND NEED FOR POLITICAL GESTURE WHICH  
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DEMONSTRATES OUR INTEREST IN THE REGION, BOTH TO THE  
ISLANDERS AND OUR AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND ALLIES. ON  
THIS BASIS, YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO OFFER VESSEL TO  
GOWS ON BASIS PREVIOUSLY AGREED ON IN WASHINGTON, I.E.  
"AS IS, WHERE IS", WITH INVITATION TO GOWS TO INSPECT  
VESSEL THEMSELVES OR ARRANGE FOR COMPLETE MARINE SURVEY

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AT GOWS EXPENSE BEFORE DECIDING WHETHER VESSEL, IF RECONDITIONED, WOULD MEET NEEDS OF GOWS. IN THIS CONNECTION NELSON SUGGESTS CAPTAIN BARNETT OF GILBERT ISLANDS MARINE TRAINING SCHOOL OR CMDR. BROWN OF FIJIAN NAVY MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IF SAMOANS DO NOT HAVE QUALIFIED MARINE SURVEYOR WHO CAN EVALUATE THIS VESSEL. WE NOTE REF B INDICATED EEC MAY BE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH REHABILITATION COSTS IF REQUESTED BY GOWS.

3. FOR WELLINGTON: WE WILL CABLE INVENTORY OF USA CE EQUIPMENT REMAINING IN AMERICAN SAMOA ASAP. THERE ARE ONLY A FEW ITEMS AND THEY ARE IN POOR CONDITION. GAS HAS PRIOR CLAIM TO THIS EQUIPMENT AND EVIDENTLY DOES NOT INTEND TO SHARE WITH THEIR WESTERN SAMOAN COUSINS. VANCE

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